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7 October 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Inter-Agency Meeting at State on
Post-Assassination Planning, 7 October

1. The undersigned attended subject meeting on planned post assassination activities and in particular the visit of the delegation to the funeral. The meeting was chaired by Robert C. McFarlane who passed around a working paper for the meeting (attached).

2. McFarlane gave the following overview of preparations for attendance at the funeral. The head of the delegation (unspecified but we have subsequently learned that it is the Secretary of State) will be accompanied principally by State and Defense representatives and the three former presidents. The delegation will leave on 8 October evening and, with the exception of the Secretary of State and Defense representatives, will return Sunday evening. During the weekend, in addition to attending the funeral, the delegation will meet with representatives of other nations in attendance. The Secretary of State plus the Defense representative will remain after the departure of the delegation, in order to conduct talks with Egyptian and possibly Sudanese officials. Following this, two to three-man teams of lesser State and Defense representatives will fan out to selected capitals to convey the central message of U.S. resolve and continuing support in the peace process and strategic defense of the region. These will probably include Khartoum, Mogadiscio, Rabat, Tunis, Ankara, Riyadh, Tel Aviv, Amman and the Gulf States. The Secretary of State will go only to Israel from Egypt and then return to the U.S. After the discussions in the various capitals are held, State and Defense will get together on enhanced measures which might be taken to demonstrate U.S. resolve, e.g., increased military assistance and military exercises.

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3. McFarlane noted that a message had been received from Egyptian Defense Minister Abu Ghazala on 7 October morning

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[REDACTED] A message will be sent back to Abu Ghazala stating that the U.S. takes seriously the threat posed by Libya in the assassination aftermath and the U.S. is intensifying its contingency planning aimed at providing Egypt with increased logistical support. Abu Ghazala will be informed that members of the delegation coming for the funeral will be prepared to discuss details.

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Attachment:

McFarlane's Working Paper

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